

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States of America )

v. )

Antonia Hernandez-Salazar (1971/MX) )

Case No. M-19-1095-M )

Defendant(s)

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of May 13, 2019 in the county of Hidalgo in the  
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

## Code Section

## Offense Description

21 USC § 952

Illegal Importation of a Controlled Substance / Approximately 5.78 Kilograms of Cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

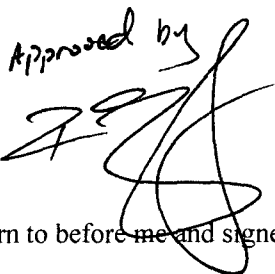
21 USC § 963


Conspiracy to Illegally Import a Controlled Substance / Approximately 5.78 Kilograms of Cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment "A"

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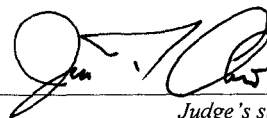


Complainant's signature

Nicholas C. Stott, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 05/14/2019 - 8:36 a.m.


Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, Texas

U.S. Magistrate Judge Juan Alanis

Printed name and title

**Attachment "A"**

I, Nicholas C. Stott, am a Special Agent of the United States Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and have knowledge of the following facts. The facts related in this attachment do not reflect the totality of information known to me or other agents/officers, merely the amount needed to establish probable cause. I do not rely upon facts not set forth herein in reaching my conclusion that a complaint should be issued, nor do I request that this Court rely upon any facts not set forth herein in reviewing this attachment in support of the complaint.

1. On May 13, 2019, Homeland Security Investigations in McAllen, Texas, (HSI McAllen) received a request for investigative assistance from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Field Operations at the Hidalgo Port of Entry (POE) in Hidalgo, Texas. CBP Officers (CBPOs) detained Antonia Hernandez-Salazar (hereafter HERNANDEZ), a citizen of Mexico, while attempting to enter the U.S. with approximately 5.78 kilograms of cocaine concealed within the front bumper area of the vehicle she was driving. The vehicle was determined to be stolen from Portland, Texas.
2. During primary inbound inspection, CBPOs obtained a negative oral declaration for fruits, food, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons and currency over \$10,000.00 from HERNANDEZ. HERNANDEZ claimed to be traveling from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico to go shopping in McAllen, Texas. CBPOs referred HERNANDEZ and the vehicle to secondary inspection for an intensive examination due to an automatic computer-generated referral.
3. During secondary inspection, a CBP K-9 drug detection team conducted a free air inspection which resulted in a positive alert for the odor of controlled substance(s) emanating from the vehicle.
4. CBPOs conducted a non-intrusive X-Ray inspection and discovered anomalies in the front bumper of the vehicle.
5. A physical search of the vehicle revealed a total of five (5) packages concealed within the front bumper area of the vehicle. CBPOs weighed the five (5) packages, which weighed approximately 5.78 kilograms on a calibrated scale. CBPOs field tested the substance inside the packages, with a presumptive positive result for the properties and characteristics of cocaine.
6. HSI Special Agents responded to the Hidalgo POE to assist in the investigation. HSI Special Agents interviewed HERNANDEZ, who gave several false statements and later stated she suspected she was transporting drugs into the United States. HERNANDEZ admitted to agreeing to smuggle contraband for the smuggling organization and had prior trips into the United States on behalf of the smuggling organization.